# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
# LOK SABHA

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EXPENDITURE ON LITERACY CAMPAIGN
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) the total amount spent on literacy campaign during the year 2004-05 till date;

(b) the number of educationally backward districts in the country where this campaign was launched during the last three years, State-wise, particularly in Gujarat;

(c) the details and the number of National Literacy Mission projects sanctioned for Non-Governmental Organisations by the Union Government in urban and rural areas of the various States during the last three years till date;

(d) whether the Union Government has reviewed the performance of the Non-Governmental Organisations;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the action taken/proposed to be taken against the Non- Governmental Organisations whose performance is not satisfactory?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. A. A. FATMI)

(a): The expenditure incurred on various literacy programmes since 2004-05 is given below:

| Year | Expenditure (Rs. in crores) |
|---|---|
| 2004-05 | 236.47 |
| 2005-06 | 249.30 |
| 2006-07 | 213.48 |
| 2007-08 | 213.57 (Till 12.3.08) |

(b): 150 low literacy districts have been identified in the country for special focus. So far, 120 districts, out of these 150 low literacy districts, have been covered under various literacy programmes. A statement showing state-wise number of these districts including those of Gujarat is enclosed at Annexure-I.

(c): Under National Literacy Mission, grants are sanctioned to Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) for the following purposes:

(i)To conduct vocational training programmes in various trades for the benefit of the neo-literates, unskilled and unemployed youths and other weaker sections of the society belonging to rural and urban areas through district level institutions called Jan Shikshan Sansthans (JSSs). 221 JSSs have so far been set up in various districts of the country. A statement showing the number of JSS sanctioned state- wise and district-wise during the last three years till date may be seen at Annexure-II.

(ii) To take up innovative literacy projects for compact and limited areas of the district, publication of neo-literate magazines for circulation to various districts, undertaking research studies, conducting conferences/ seminars etc. A statement showing number of NGO projects sanctioned, state- wise & district-wise, during the last three years, till date is at Annexure-III.

(iii) To provide academic & technical resource support to the literacy programme being implemented in the States including rural areas through state level institutions called State Resource Centres

(SRCs). 26 SRCs have been set up in various states for this purpose. One SRC was sanctioned for the state of Chhattisgarh during 2006-07.

(d)&(e): Performance of these organisations is reviewed periodically through their Quarterly and Annual Progress Reports. Performance of SRCs and JSSs is also reviewed through Annual Action Plan Meetings.

(f): During the last 3 years complaints have been received in respect of Jan Shikshan Sansthans in Kushinagar (Bihar), Ramanathapuram (Tamil Nadu), Kakinada (Andhra Pradesh) and Lakhimpur Khiri (Uttar Pradesh). The grants to these JSSs have been stopped until the completion of the inquiry into the complaints.